



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held July 20, 2016

Members Present: Ellen Alster, Jim Bennett, Katie Gannon, Jackie Lyle, Deborah Munoz-Chacon, Nick Shipley, Laura Mielcarek, Ron van Ommeren, Peter Warren

Members Absent: Christina Bickelmann, Roger Howlett

Guests / Staff Present: Tucson Assistant Police Chief Ramon Batista, TPD; Officer Kara Curtis, TPD; Amy Stabler, Ward 6, BCC committee review; Elaine Becherer, City Manager's Office; Judith Anderson, Ward 3 Aide

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m. by D.Munoz-Chacon.

2. Minutes for Approval

- May 18, 2016: Corrections: pg. 2: 5.B. delete D.Munoz and replace with J. Lyle; check spelling of E.Alster (correct). Motion by J.Bennett to accept minutes, second by L.Shipley; no discussion. Approved yes-6, no-0, abstain-0.

3. New Discussion:

- A. Meet & Greet Tucson Assistant Police Chief Ramon Batista: with TPD for 30 years; largest bureau (600 officers); was not aware of the LAC; Kara Curtis also in attendance, TPD has been investing in sending community officers, like Kara, to every patrol division to train divisions on how landscape issues affect crime prevention. Batista notes neighborhood crime spike in isolated neighborhoods where landscapes aren't kept; neighbors feel like they are involved in community if they have a nice place to live. CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) discussed by Kara as points of public safety issues. Batista mentioned Reid Park and PCC downtown as examples of how keeping landscape tidy results in better safety for people.
- Other items: clean easements help prevent transients; R.vanOmmeren discussed ecologists perspective in keeping overgrown plants to attract wildlife; lights and dark sky ordinance; how budget directly affects landscape which affects crime
 - How can LAC assist: mitigating neighborhood landscape issues, offering expertise, etc. Suggests to keep trying to get Chief Magnus here – he needs more heads up to schedule – schedule with Kristi Wrangler, Admin. Assistant to Magnus. LAC should send shade presentation to her.
- B. Boards, Committees, and Commissions Update: Presentation by A.Stabler and E.Becherer. Nov. 2015 item o M&C to revamp 63 BCC's. Phoenix has fewer than Tucson. Workgroup reviews with case studies (5 in past) to vet out process. M7C took recommendation of workgroup and 2 of 5 case studies were dismembered. M&C wants fewer BCC's. 4 phase project to get through all 63 BCCs. Why? So all BCCs are tangible and not a waste. Flow chart of review process handed out; questionnaire to be sent to LAC in near future. Director Thomure will write recommendation of LAC and we will be able to see summary at our meeting next month. Formal motion will be made to M&C based on Director and LAC comments. Send stakeholder suggestions to Irene so they can be present at next meeting.
- Suggestion by JLyle: invite Les Shipley, Kathryn Hahne, Joan Lionetti.
 - Discussion. No action.

4. A. Monthly Street Landscape Maintenance Report – S. Moore no show; will reschedule for next month.

5. Old Discussion
 - A. Roadway Plant Salvaging Update: I.Ogata needs to send out draft policy developed by G.Wittwer and L.Mielcarek. Ad hoc LAC subcommittee needs to meet. Inform group in the future; Shipley suggested trees shouldn't be included on projects in far future due to high mortality rate.
 - Active Practice Guidelines (APG) pertains to city property; salvaging cannot be for profit; can only be used on other city/county projects. Prickly Park is a great example of how salvaging plants can be beneficial
 - Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society can be contacted if residents need salvaging /planted; Trees for Tucson can be contacted regarding tree issues
 - Administrative side of project management of plant salvagins is clunky and needs to be revisited/addressed
 - Discussion; no action
 - B. IPM Update: 6 City departments met with P. Warren and I.Ogata. P.Warren in process of reviewing the comments from the departments. He will add their comments to the plan and share with committee at next meeting.
 - C. UHI workshop:
 - Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016
 - Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Place: TEP Downtown HQ
6. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events
 - ANA SHADE conference in Phoenix, September 1, 2016, Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix
 - ACTC workshop for EEs and LAC
 - SoAZ Arborist Group, tomorrow 7 a.m., Hungry Fox
7. Call to Audience:
 - J.Bennett: joint utility pole issue; main offenders are Century Link & Cox; TEP own 50% of poles, pushing to get issue taken care of; residents need to contact Century Link (owns 50% of poles) to put pressure on them; residents can also contact their Ward offices.
8. Call for Future Agenda Items
 - Wash Maintenance (structure in COT; why TDOT; ? invite Elizabeth Leibold
 - Trees for You & plant list: revisit list and give suggestions (NShipley: Willow Acacias will be taken off list next month)
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.